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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As a Connecticut State Senator representing the City of Stamford, I am closely connected to our local business community. We attract a wide range of companies that seek to invest and grow in the region, and Charter Communications has been no exception. The company has been a dynamic addition to the southwest Connecticut economy since the moment it relocated its headquarters to our city. I am pleased the company continues to pursue expansion opportunities, and believe its pending merger with Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks will significantly expand its ability to invest in new products and services that will meet consumer demand.

The company's merger proposal provides details on New Charter's business plan. This will include a low-income broadband initiative for underserved families, investments in commercial and residential fiber-optics, and plans to return oversees customer call centers to the United States.

Importantly, New Charter has outlined many areas where it would work to improve customer care, boost competition and engage with community development. The company will achieve these goals by supporting diversity and inclusion programs, investments in new technology and a commitment to domestic job growth. In Stamford, we know firsthand the impact of Charter's positive business decisions, and we believe New Charter would similarly benefit all the regions in its new national footprint.

Sincerely,

Senator Carlo Leone

Connecticut State Senate